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POLICE IN CHARLOTTE
SAY SHOOTING
VICTIM WAS ARMED

2 A black man killed by police in a Charlotte, North Carolina, parking lot had ignored commands to drop a handgun that officers said he was holding, authorities said on Wednesday hours after 16 officers were injured in protests sparked by the shooting. The trouble in Charlotte unfolded as demonstrators in Tulsa, Oklahoma, demanded the arrest of a police officer there who was seen on video shooting to death an unarmed black man who had his hands in clear view at the time. The two deaths were the latest to raise questions of racial bias in U.S. law enforcement and have stoked a national debate on policing ahead of the U.S. presidential election in November. **REUTERS**

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3 Google-parent Alphabet Inc launched Allo, a messaging app that incorporates Google's search feature and a chatbot that uses machine learning to "improve" itself over time. The new messaging service, which was unveiled in May, will compete with Facebook Inc's WhatsApp and Messenger. The much-anticipated launch comes a month after Google rolled out Duo, its video calling app. Allo features a chatbot powered by Google Assistant, a virtual personal assistant like Apple Inc's Siri. Users can call up the assistant in a chat by typing "@google" followed by a search query and the results will be displayed in the chat itself. "The more you use it, the more it improves over time," Amit Fulya, group product manager, wrote in a blog post. **REUTERS**



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2. What team did Ben Roethlisberger expect Carson Wentz would be playing for this season?
3. What position does Mark-Paul Gosselaar's character play in "Pitch"?



CJ Asher photographed at the Passional Sexploratorium sex shop on South Street. **CHARLES MOSTOLLER**

X-rated organization

A group of Philadelphia's adult entertainment entrepreneurs are forming an alliance.



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A group of Philly's X-rated businesses are banding together to promote the legitimacy of their operations and protect themselves from abusive customers.

The Philadelphia Sex Coalition intends to build a membership roster of strip clubs, book stores, novelty shops and other entrepreneurs in the adult entertainment industry, said C.J. Asher, the pseudonym of a local accountant and real estate investor.

"The adult entertainment business and the legal sex work enterprise are good, legitimate businesses whose participants aren't trying to step on people's values or mores," said Asher, who is organizing the coalition.

The coalition will focus on protecting the rights of entrepreneurs in dealing with law enforcement, he

said.

"Often, those who do sex work or advocacy, their rights are trampled," Asher said. "If someone gets arrested for sex advocacy, it sometimes goes on as 'prostitution,' which affects their record and can scar them for life in terms of future employment."

The organization will also discuss ways to protect its members from abusive customers.

"We want to also look into cases where sex workers are harmed, but are hesitant to go to the law because of not being taken seriously or not being properly viewed as a victim due to their trade," Asher said.

Danielle Adinolfi, a marriage and family therapist with a specialization in sex therapy, sees the coalition as a positive development.

"Sex is a natural part of human existence, yet remains a taboo subject," she said. "The first step toward removing a taboo is talking about it and a coalition among people who work in the field of sexuality will help spur conversation and bridge gaps between the different disciplines, enabling us to better serve the Philadelphia community."

Asher said he expects about 50 people to at-

"If someone gets arrested for sex advocacy, it sometimes goes on as 'prostitution' which affects their record and can scar them for life in terms of future employment."

Asher

tend the coalition's first meeting today at the SugarHouse Casino in the Fishtown neighborhood. He said he hopes that the membership will eventually include people outside the sex industry, such as health workers and tattoo artists.

Kali Morgan, owner of Passional Boutique on South Street and its neighboring Sexploratorium, which sells provocative adult clothing and gear, said she hopes the coalition will work to remove some of the negative perceptions of adult entertainment businesses.

"That's why I hope Asher's coalition turns out to be a viable proposition," she said. "Adult business could use the legitimacy as well as being able to create community amongst the business entrepreneurs and artists within this subculture. Even though what we do is legal, there is always confusion in the minds of lawmakers and the public."

Christie Eastburn, an organizer of Philadelphia's upcoming March to End Rape Culture, also views the coalition as potential ally.

"We support the rights of those within that industry to do their work without being abused or treated badly in any way just because their line of work happens to be sex," she said. "They demand respect, consensual rights and such, so Asher's interests are our interests."

The March to End Rape Culture is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Asher has pledged to make a \$500 donation to the Philadelphia-based organization.

For more information about the Philadelphia Sex Coalition - Jsphl.com/psclaunchparty

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The La Finquita community garden on Master Street in North Philadelphia
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Philly's urban gardeners look to harvest City Hall's support

At City Council hearing on urban agriculture, farmers and gardeners say they face losing their urban plots.



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Decades-old community gardens facing eviction. Residents fined by law enforcement for raising chickens in their backyard.

Neighborhoods where the only food for sale is junk at a corner poppy shop.

These and many other similar stories were shared at City Council on Wednesday by a diverse group of more than 100 farmers, gardeners and fresh food advocates testifying about the importance of urban agriculture or "urban ag."

Their message was simple: Help us.

One garden in jeopardy is La Finquita, a South Kensington mainstay near 5th and Master streets that is currently tied up in court after a landlord suddenly appeared to claim ownership of the land the garden sits on, which has been vacant for decades.

"La Finquita is one of many stories where gardens are at risk," said Amy Laura Cahn, a Public Interest Law Center attorney representing the garden in the lawsuit. "That is our biggest struggle. We have upward of 470 community gardens in Philadelphia. The majority of them are land insecure."

... We should have a way to preserve spaces before they're at risk."

Amy Laura Cahn

La Finquita's court fight is pending, but other gardens are in similar situations.

Jamillah Meekins testified that she works at a garden in Brewerytown/Sharswood that her family has tended since the 1940s. One of their lots was just put up at a sheriff's sale, she said, after a private owner suddenly emerged.

Cahn said it is wrong for people who have been tending land for decades to get suddenly booted by owners who may have abandoned property only to turn up decades later as real estate prices escalate.

"La Finquita is classic in another way, in that it came up in the late '80s when the city was encouraging people to grow on vacant land and abandoned land," Cahn said. "They got both support from city and nonprofits to be where they were and they stayed where they were. And yet there has never been a pathway to

make spaces like that permanent."

Among the most aggrieved at the hearing were local chicken farmers, who are essentially outlaws due to a 2004 law that makes keeping chickens in Philadelphia illegal.

"Most people support it," said Maureen Breen, head of the Philadelphia Backyard Chickens group, at the hearing. "We're really talking about personal liberty and the right to have something in your backyard."

One woman who testified at the hearing recently got hit with thousands of dollars in fines by the city for a few chickens in her backyard. A judge tossed the fines in court, but many chicken owners fear similar fines.

Besides erasing blight, community farms and gardens help bring fresh foods to neighborhoods with few options.

"In our neighborhood, there's a lack of access to farm fresh food," testified high school student Maurice Carter, of West Philly. "There's just a poppy store. What we get there is all unhealthy junk food, cakes, sodas."

City Councilman Al Taubenberger called the hearing under a resolution to explore supporting urban agriculture around Philadelphia, and said it remains to be seen if any new legislation will arise from the hearing. More hearings will be scheduled to explore the possibilities of vertical or controlled-environment farming.

"This was to help the hobbyist, the nonprofits, those who are bringing neighborhoods together," he said. "It is also to continue the heritage of Philadelphia as being an epicenter of agriculture, which has long been forgotten."

But some of the positive effects of urban farming and gardening surprised him. One woman told him she keeps a garden in Kensington to try to deter criminal activity.

"That is news to me," Taubenberger said, "but I get it."

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Woman tells court she planned to abandon kids to join ISIS husband

Federal agents raided the woman's house before she could travel to Syria.



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A North Philadelphia woman admitted in court that she planned to abandon her two children and travel to Syria to join an ISIS fighter she married over the internet.

Keonna Thomas, 32, pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court to at-

Thomas allegedly circulated terrorist propaganda online using the name Fatayat Al Khilafah.

tempting to provide material support to a terrorist organization, The Inquirer reported. She

said she was thwarted in her plan last year when federal agents raided her home.

The federal public defenders representing Thomas had challenged the prosecution's case by attacking the tactics used to surveil Thomas.

Thomas allegedly circulated terrorist propaganda online using the name Fatayat Al Khilafah, according to a plea memo filed with the court.

Nearly 60 people have been charged in ISIS-related activities in U.S. courts last year, according to media reports.

BRIEFS

Botched attempt to mail weed ends with arrest of Philly police officer

A 14-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department was arrested Tuesday and is expected to lose his job after allegedly bungling an attempt to mail a package of pot.

Officer William Branish Jr., 43, attempted to send a package of marijuana in the mail using an associate's account at a local company, according to the Philadelphia Police Department Internal Affairs



Officer William Branish Jr. was arrested on Tuesday. PROVIDED

Unit, which was tipped off to the alleged scheme.

When the package was returned as undeliverable, another employee at the local business received the package.

Branish is charged with simple drug possession and possession with intent to deliver.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross suspended Branish for 30 days with the intent to dismiss him, the police department said.

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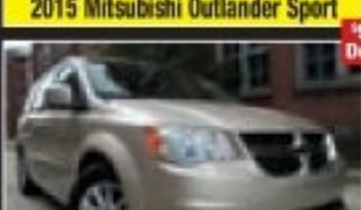
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Trump opposes plan for US to cede internet oversight

Congress should block the handover, scheduled to occur on Oct. 1, "or internet freedom will be lost for good, since there will be no way to make it great again once it is lost," Stephen Miller, national policy director for the Trump campaign, said in a statement.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump opposes a long-planned transition of oversight of the internet's technical management from the U.S. government to a global community of stakeholders, his cam-

paign said in a statement on Wednesday.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, a former presidential primary foe of Trump's who has refused to endorse the real estate developer, has led a movement in Congress to block the transition, arguing it could cede control of the internet itself to authoritarian regimes like Russia and China and threaten online freedom.

Technical experts have said those claims are baseless, and that a delay will backfire by undermining U.S. credibility in future international negotiations over internet standards and security.

Publicly proposed in March 2014, the transfer of oversight of the nonprofit Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers,



Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

or ICANN, is expected to go forward unless Congress votes to block the move.

A vote to delay the transition may come as an amendment to a temporary spending bill that Congress must pass by Sept. 30 to prevent much of the federal government from shutting down. Congressional negotiators on Wednesday were working to finalize an agreement on the spending package.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton supports the Obama administration's planned transition to a global community of technologists, civil society groups and internet users, according to policy positions available on her campaign website. REUTERS



U.S. soldiers wear masks as they take part in a military exercise simulating a chemical weapons attack.

US tests for mustard agent after rocket attack near Iraq base

The U.S. military is carrying out tests to see if a chemical agent may have been used in a rocket attack in Iraq by Islamic State that came within hundreds of yards of U.S. forces but injured no one, a U.S. official said on Wednesday.

The military official,

who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the first of two initial tests showed the presence of a mustard agent but the second did not. None of the U.S. forces who inspected the shell fragments have displayed symptoms of exposure to a mustard agent, the official added. REUTERS

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Ryan has concerns over 9/11 Saudi bill but predicts veto override

The U.S. House of Representatives would override any presidential veto of a bill allowing survivors and families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia, Speaker Paul Ryan predicted on Wednesday while also citing concerns with the legislation.

"I worry about legal matters. I worry about trial lawyers trying to get rich off of this. And I do worry about the precedence. At the same time, these victims do need to have their day in court," Ryan, a Republican, told reporters.

Congress has overwhelmingly passed the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act in reaction to long-running suspicions, denied by Saudi Arabia, that hijackers of the four U.S. jetliners that attacked the United States in 2001 were backed by the Saudi government.

Obama in coming days is expected to veto the bill on grounds that other countries could use the law as an excuse to sue U.S. diplomats, service members or companies. But Congress could have the last word if the Senate and



Speaker of the House Paul Ryan GETTY IMAGES

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Paul Ryan

House of Representatives each override that veto by a two-thirds vote.

"I do think the votes are there for the override," Ryan said.

When asked by a reporter if U.S. support for Saudi Arabia was "unconditional,"

Ryan responded that the country "is a very important and valuable ally" and is helping Washington in the "war on terror."

He noted, however, "Our support for any country is not unconditional."

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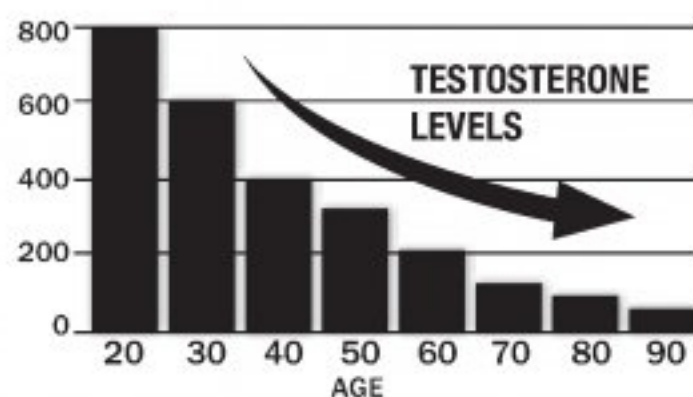
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Kevin J. San Angelo, Texas is in full agreement. He has his life back. "I've had problems sustaining my erections," confesses Kevin. "I tried Beyond Human Testosterone and my erection was unusually hard and I lasted longer than I have in years." Reactions like this are not surprising to Dr. Klayman.

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"Thanks to Beyond Human Testosterone, I've gone from having sex once a week, or sometimes less, to three or four times a week," laughs Jim.

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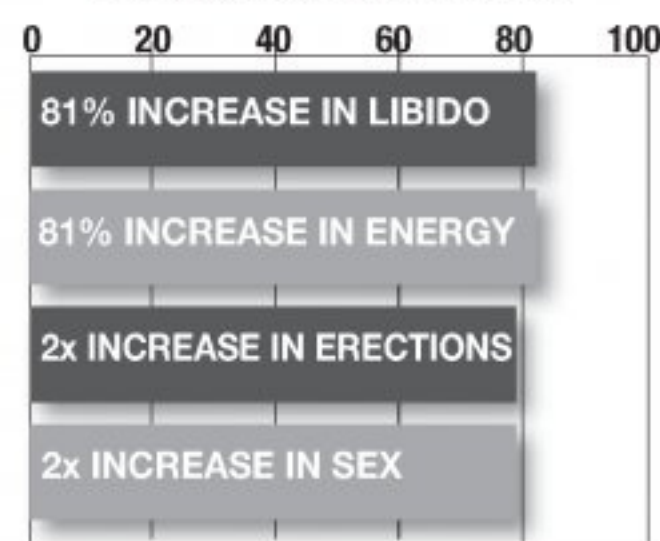
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Lawmakers grill Mylan CEO over EpiPen steep price increases

The EpiPen is an automatic injector designed to treat life-threatening allergic reactions to anything from nuts to bee stings, delivering a dose of epinephrine through a quick jab in the thigh.

U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday blasted steep price increases for Mylan's EpiPen emergency allergy treatment as they grilled the company's Chief Executive Heather Bresch at a congressional hearing. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform called Bresch to testify after the company raised the list price for a pair of EpiPens to \$600 compared with \$100 in 2007, when it acquired the product.

Congressman Elijah Cummings, ranking Democrat on the committee, said Mylan "jacked up" the price of the life-saving product "to get filthy rich at the expense of our constituents."

"After Mylan takes our punches they'll fly back to their mansions in their private jets and laugh all the way to the bank," Cummings said.

The price increases ignited a national controversy in August, as a growing number of families protested and said they were unable to afford the device through their health insurance.

Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz of Utah noted that Mylan said it would soon sell a generic version of EpiPen for about \$300. "Suddenly feeling the heat Mylan has offered a generic version and cut the price in half, so that does beg the question what was happening



Mylan Inc. CEO Heather Bresch is sworn in during a hearing before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. GETTY IMAGES

with that other \$300?"

Holding up an EpiPen, he said: "The actual juice that's in here that you need costs about a dollar."

The hearing comes after Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton previously called Mylan's price increases outrageous, while both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have called on federal agencies to investigate Mylan's business practices. Several U.S. states are probing the impact of the price

increases on government healthcare programs such as Medicaid.

Mylan has responded to the criticism by offering discounts more widely to families, and said it plans to launch a half-price version of EpiPen soon, a move Bresch said on Wednesday would cannibalize its brand-name product.

"Our concern was absolutely that anyone who needs an EpiPen has one," she said.

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Texas intends to withdraw from Syrian refugee resettlement

Texas gave notice on Wednesday that it was withdrawing from participating in the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement's program, citing security concerns after failing in federal court to halt the inflow of Syrian refugees into the state.

The Texas state refugee coordinator sent a letter to the agency, giving 120 days notice of its intention to withdraw, charging that the program was riddled with problems that present security risks, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said.

"Despite multiple requests by the state of Texas, the federal government lacks the capability or the will to distinguish the dangerous from the harmless, and Texas will not be an accomplice to such dereliction of duty



Syrian refugee children GETTY IMAGES

to the American people," Abbott said in a statement.

Texas, a bellwether state for conservative policies, has seen other Republican-led states follow its lead in challenging the Obama administration's refugee resettlement plans in and out of the courts.

Officials from the Office of Refugee Resettlement were not available for comment. Federal officials have said refugees are carefully vetted before entering the country.

The Justice Department

has argued in court filings that the federal government sets policies for international immigration and states do not have authority to halt federal plans.

Since Jan. 1, 2011, there have been 1,104 Syrian refugees resettled in Texas, according to the State Department-affiliated Refugee Processing Center. That is less than the 1,610 people resettled in California and the 1,515 who were sent to Michigan.

The Obama administration said on Aug. 29 that it would meet its goal of admitting 10,000 Syrian refugees during the current fiscal year a month ahead of schedule and was working with Congress to increase the target by a few thousand during 2017. **REUTERS**



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Fed keeps rates steady, signals one increase by end of the year

The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged Wednesday but strongly signaled it could still tighten monetary policy by the end of this year as the labor market improved further.

Fed Chairman Janet Yellen, speaking after the central bank's latest policy statement, said U.S. growth was looking stronger and rate increases would be needed to keep the economy from overheating and fueling high inflation.

"We judged that the case for an increase has strengthened but decided for the time being to wait," Yellen told a news conference. "The economy has a little more room to run."

Yellen said she expected one rate increase this year if the job market continued to improve and major new risks did not arise.

The Fed kept its target

rate for overnight lending between banks in a range of 0.25 percent to 0.50 percent, where it has been since it hiked rates in December for the first time in nearly a decade.

The Fed has appeared increasingly divided over the urgency of raising rates. On Wednesday, Kansas City Fed President Esther George, Cleveland Fed President Loretta Mester and Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren dissented on the policy statement, saying they favored raising rates this week.

At the same time, policymakers cut the number of rate increases they expect this year to one from two, according to the median projection of forecasts released with the statement. Three of the 17 policymakers said rates should remain steady for the rest of the year.

The Fed also projected



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Janet Yellen during a news conference following the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in Washington. GETTY IMAGES

a less aggressive rise in interest rates next year and in 2018, and cut its longer-run interest-rate forecast to 2.9 percent from 3 percent.

Investors did not appear to significantly shift their bets on the timing of the next rate hike. Prices for Fed funds futures contracts suggested investors continued to see just better-than-even odds of a hike at the December policy meeting, and almost no chance of an increase in November.

U.S. stock prices rose after the Fed released its statement.

The dissents from those wanting a hike this week suggested to some economists that pressure was building.

"While the Federal Reserve held rates unchanged, the highly unusual 7-3 vote points to the depth of its policy dilemma and makes a December hike more likely," said Mohamed El-Erian, chief economic adviser at Allianz. REUTERS

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UK's famed red phone boxes get revamp as mini-offices

In the age of smartphones, Britain's famous red telephone boxes may no longer be used as often as they once were. But one company is giving them a makeover — as small offices.

Pod Works is hoping to lure those who sit in coffee bars to work on their laptops to its revamped booths, which boast WiFi, plug sockets, a phone, printer, scanner and free coffee and tea.

Once dotting British

cities, towns and villages, the red telephone boxes have dwindled in number over the years, removed or replaced by modern booths. Some have been turned into libraries or coffee shops.

"We thought it was a good idea to repurpose these and take them into the 21st century," Pod Works UK Managing Director Lorna Moore said. "The sheer volume of tourists who come and stand by the box and take selfies and photo-

"We're hoping to have 50 out by Christmas, and then this time next year we will have 300 out."

Moore

graphs indicates just how iconic and important they are."

Pod Works launched its first such work station in central London's Russell Square this month and is opening others across the capital, for which membership costs \$32 a month. It plans to expand to other cities in October.

"We're hoping to have 50 out by Christmas, and then this time next year we will have 300 out," Moore said. REUTERS



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Brangelina breakup breakdown, Day 2

Yesterday, news of Jolie's and Pitt's pending divorce turned our (celeb-obsessed) world upside down. Today, folks in real life (and, of course, on the internet) are still reelin' from the demise of one of the most beloved Hollywood couples. Here are five things to know about the breakup that has broken us all:

1. Adele basically dedicated her NYC concert to the ex-couple, addressing the crowd: "Can we talk about the elephant in the room? That Brangelina broke up?" and referring to it as "the end of an era."

2. Gossip outlets are milking this for all it's worth. An Instagram Selena Gomez posted in January of Pitt and herself at a Golden Globes party has resurfaced. Apparently at the time, Jolie "blew a gasket" over it. The National Enquirer wonders if Jolie's jealousy of the pop star may have played a part in the split? (Uhh, we doubt it.)

3. Relationships are never set in stone, but if you're



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famous enough, yours may be set in wax! At Madame Tussauds London, the figures of Brad and Angie have officially been separated.

4. Some people, who must have a lump of coal in place of a heart, have apparently moved on. Over at The Ringer, writers are already brainstorming who should replace Brangelina as the top

pop-culture power couple. How dare they! Contenders range from the obvious — Kimye and Beyonce and Jay-Z — to golden oldies Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell.

5. Wino site VinePair is all, "But who will get ownership of the Miraval Winery?!" It's a relevant question, considering one of the top sellers on the market, Chateau Miraval Rose, is produced at the couple's French estate. VinePair thinks it could go to Jolie, because she has French-Canadian nationality. Then again, Pitt is big into working on the vineyard (and the internets are reporting that his drinking played a role in the split, though neither camp has commented on that.)

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Whitney Cummings freely sparks up

The comedian discusses pot, politics and the boudoir.



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Whitney Cummings doesn't know how exactly she became a headlining advocate of the marijuana movement but, true to form, the bold stand-up doesn't shy from the tough questions. As part of a cannabis comedy tour, the "2 Broke Girls" creator comes to Boston this week, for a stand-up show sponsored by Leafly — an emerging company that is seeking to become the primary information resource on all things pot.

We spoke with Cummings to pick her brain on weed matters.

Joints, blunts, vapes, glass or hollowed-out pieces of fruit — what's your preferred smoking apparatus?
You know what's very weird is that I don't smoke that much weed. I smoke weed out of a bowl. Like an adult. I'm not going to bring an innocent piece of fruit into it. A lot of the annoying people in my life thankfully smoke weed, and



The UPenn alumna doesn't shy away from our questions. PROVIDED

it makes them less annoying, so I'm very grateful for the effect weed has on all the people around me.

A lot of your material comes out of the boudoir — do you have thoughts on weed, sex and the combination thereof?
Yeah, weed and sex, to me, just equals, like ... what's it when you have sex with dead people? Not narcolepsy ...

Necrophilia.
Yeah! If you have sex with me when [I'm smoking] you're a necrophiliac, because I just pass out. Like, I'm not a fun, sexy

weed smoker. I just stop yelling. I'm just even more useless in bed when I'm stoned.

It's political season, and systemic sexism is a part of many discussions. Do you see gender politics playing a big role in many of your Hollywood and standup dealings?
I talk about it a lot. I have to be honest, I exploit it a lot, so if there was no sexism I would really have nothing to talk about. I'm using it to my advantage — making fun of idiots pays my bills, so I'm grateful for racist, sexists idiots, on some level.



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Mark-Paul Gosselaar talks 'Pitch' and being a baseball fan in Los Angeles

The new show debuts on Sept. 22 on Fox.



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Many of us grew up with Mark-Paul Gosselaar when he burst onto the scene in the '90s as Zack Morris on "Saved by the Bell." While not all child stars enjoy the same level of success as adults, Gosselaar's career continues to blossom. In his latest role, he steps up to the plate as Mike Lawson — the cocky yet lovable MLB catcher in Fox's new show, "Pitch," which makes its debut tonight. We chat with Gosselaar about putting on weight for the role, how to be a baseball fan in L.A. and whether having a female pitcher in the major leagues is really possible.

What's the story behind getting the role?

I read the scripts. It was one of the couple I was reading for pilots and when I put it down, I knew there was something special there. I

knew the showrunner, Kevin Falls, who was also the showrunner for "Franklin & Bash," and I said to him, "Hey, you gotta get me into this," and he said, "I think we already have you on the list to read." I went in there and had a really good session with Dan and all the other producers and Kevin as well. I kind of felt that I had a good chance with getting the role, and thank God that I did.

You changed your appearance quite a bit for this show. Want to talk about that?

I had to gain a bit of weight and that was probably one of the hundred things I had to do. I don't gain weight easily just because my wife and I are healthy eaters and our kids are healthy eaters. Having very limited time, I kind of just ate everything.

Michael Phelps-style.



Mark-Paul Gosselaar went through a physical transformation for his latest role.

It came out to about 4,000 calories a day. I gained weight for the pilot, but then I have been on a strict diet ever since. I need to gain a little more but I'm trying to keep it where I can take off my shirt. Baseball players are athletic-looking and fit, but they're not ripped.

Did you go through any baseball training?

We have been working with retired Major League Baseball players. One of the guys I have been working with, sort of exclusively, is Lee Ellis.



Baseball manager Al Luongo (Dan Lauria) offers advice to catcher Mike Lawson (Mark-Paul Gosselaar) and the first female pitcher in major league baseball, Ginny Baker (Kylie Bunbury). ALL PHOTOS FOX

He is a minor league guy. He coached for a high school team in our area. I've been working with a lot of people — probably three times a week for three hours.

Are you a baseball fan?

I'm a casual baseball fan. I don't really follow teams, mostly players. Growing up in L.A., it was kind of always hard to pick a team to kind of root for. But players I like watching.

Do you think we'll ever have a female pitcher in the major leagues?

I don't know. There are so many variables involved. I don't think it's such a

simple thing to say, which sport is bad and this is the way it's always been or, you know, women can't play. It's the simple things — where will she change? Is she in the same locker room as us? We are doing an episode right now where it's a beanball episode. You know, do you hit a female batter? Are you willing to be the first guy who hits Ginny Baker in the majors? But are we willing to look over gender? [On the show] Ginny Baker is a great pitcher and deserves to be in the majors. A lot of people in the pilot episode said they thought Mike Lawson was hard on her, and I said, "No, I didn't see it as that

way." I saw it as Mike Lawson is the captain of this team and he would do that to any person being called up. It has nothing to do with gender but more so about her ability and her talent. He wants to win.

"Pitch" makes its debut Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9/8 on Fox.

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Kelsey Grammer would fight The Rock

The one-time Frasier Crane talks "Storks" and his voicework on "WrestleMania."



Kelsey Grammer is a living elocution lesson. The man is known for his beautiful baritone voice, which he lends to the animated movie "Storks." Grammer plays a duplicitous, barrel-chested boss of a delivery company operated by storks, who have given up on the baby-sending business. Grammer also appears in the new television adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's final novel, "The Last Tycoon." The "Frasier" star talked to us about being seen as more formal than he is, wrestling and (sort of) Zac Efron's abs.

You played the boss on the show "Boss," and



Kelsey Grammer voices a villainous stork boss in "Storks." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

now you play the boss in "Storks." Do you just like being the boss? It does suit you.

People's imagination leads them to believe it suits me. I guess I have the necessary equipment: A voice, experience, presence — these are the things that combine to make them think I can be a boss. I mean, I have been a boss of many

things in my life, but I don't come across quite the same in real life.

Also surprising: You did voicework for "WrestleMania."

Oh, you heard that? It's sort of tongue-in-cheek, but also epic and grand. It was a great mix for me; I loved doing it. I'm a sideline fan of wrestling. I don't hunger for it or any-

thing, but in the periphery of my experience I've always been kind of impressed by wrestlers. When I first started out, there was a

character called the Great Malenko who was doing a circuit down in Florida. They appealed to me: larger-than-life characters standing up for right and wrong. I love that kind of stuff. It's great imagery, great entertainment. I love The Rock and Roddy Piper, and Andre the Giant. He casts a pretty big shadow throughout contemporary culture.

You and The Rock should make a wrestling movie together. "Frasier vs. The Rock."

He's terrific, isn't he? I'd love to work with him. If they put me through a year of training and the culmination of all

my work was to finally be in the ring for about two minutes, I'd be glad to. But I don't think that's going to happen.

You worked with Nicholas Stoller, co-director of "Storks," on "Neighbors 2," which stars Zac Efron's abs. Did you get to touch his muscles?

Uh ... well, I, uh, I don't know. ... Look, Zac is a fella I've known for several years and he seems like a nice guy. That's all I know.

"The Simpsons" was recently called the Best Show Ever in a book. What's your favorite Side-show Bob episode?

It's probably the one with the rake, "Cape Feare." Singing that song, just hysterical. I did win an Emmy for my performance in "The Italian Bob," you know. It's all so silly. They're wonderfully ridiculous shows. Side-show Bob casts a pretty big shadow.

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'Goat' shows frat culture at its most toxic

The bro-drama is brutal to watch.

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"Goat," an indie film from writer and director Andrew Neel, doesn't hold back in its grueling depiction of fraternity hazing.

Based on Brad Land's 2004 memoir of the same name, "Goat" tells the story of 19-year-old Brad (Ben Schnetzer, "Pride" and "Snowden") who endures a violent assault and then subjects himself to another kind of trauma — Hell Week at his big brother's fraternity.

While the hazing is already extreme — for both viewers and the pledges — it's even more brutal for Brad, whose PTSD almost puts him over the edge.

Nick Jonas (yes, that Jonas, who also plays a frat brother on "Scream Queens") co-stars as Schnetzer's older brother,



Brad (Ben Schnetzer, left) gets hazed mercilessly at the frat of his brother Brett (Nick Jonas) in "Goat." PARAMOUNT

Brett, who simultaneously ushers him into frat culture while trying to protect him from it.

The script — heavy on the bro-speak — was co-written by David Gordon Green, who has made his fair share of dramas but may be better known for stoner-buddy comedies like "Pineapple Express" and HBO's "Eastbound

and Down." James Franco cameos as a slightly-deranged alum of the frat who comes back to visit.

We spoke with the two young stars, Jonas and Schnetzer, about brotherhood (real-life and fraternal), and how the film might serve as a warning to this year's college freshmen.

"Goat" is out Friday in

limited release.

The hazing scenes in the film were grueling to watch. What was it like filming them?

Schnetzer: It was grueling; it was also rewarding. At the end of the day, you'd feel like you earned your shower.

There was a rough sketch of what needed

to be accomplished, but Andrew [Neel] kept the pledges and the brothers separate. We didn't really know what was going on.

How did you guys prepare for these roles? Did you watch any classic frat movies?

Jonas: "Frat House," the documentary directed by Todd Phillips — Andrew had us watch, that really helped. It's one of the only real, behind-closed-doors looks at that really rough experience.

Also, speaking to people who have been in fraternities and hearing their stories.

Did you draw on your relationships with your own brothers for this role?

Jonas: I'm very close with my brothers. Specifically with my brother Joe, there are a lot of parallels to the relationship [in the film]. I'm very protective of him and he is of me, and we spoke a lot about the protection of each

other being a theme for us in this film.

Do either of you have any personal experience with hazing?

Schnetzer: No, not really. I was joking with Andrew before we started filming that we're making this film about frat brothers and college boys with a bunch of actors in their early 20s who either didn't go to college or went to acting school.

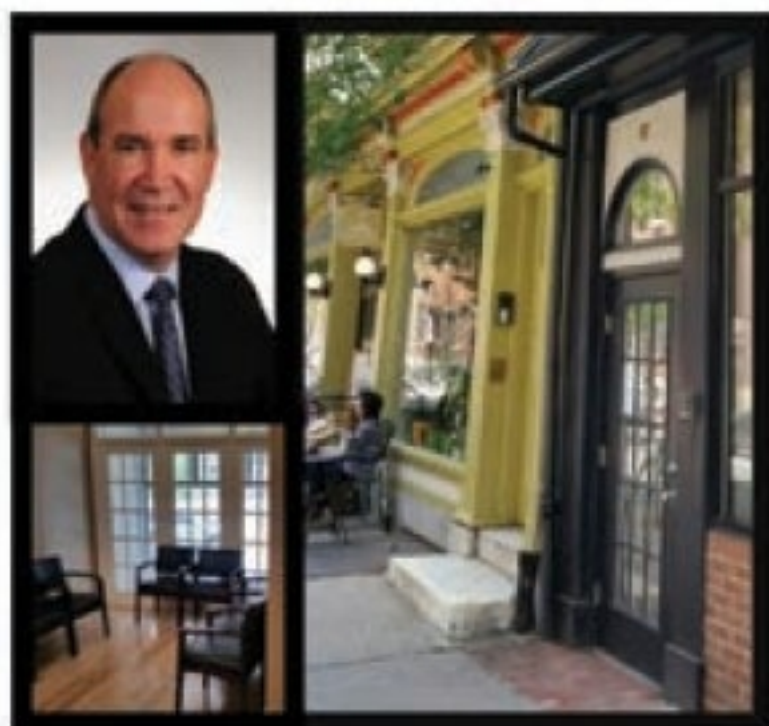
A lot of the hazing scenes themselves, you kind of just take the ride. The work is done for you.

Do you think "Goat" will help bring awareness to viewers about toxic frat culture?

Schnetzer: It's definitely going to be a conversation-starter. It's cool that it's coming out at the beginning of the school year.

Jonas: My little brother is starting college this year. I told him I wanted him to see this movie before he thinks about pledging.

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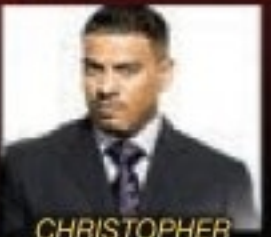
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BRU Craft & Wurst

1316 Chestnut St.
bruphilly.com
BRU in Midtown Village just got its second full-length projection wall to watch the game. In addition, you can watch on the TVs above the bar, and if you're getting thirsty, BRU has 39 craft beers on tap. The new chef, Craig Meyers, also put together a Sunday football menu that includes items like Reuben fries, a wing flight and a short-rib quesadilla.

Craftsman Row Saloon

112 S. Eighth St.
craftsmanrowsaloon.com
This Jewelers' Row gem has multiple large flat-screen TVs and will be serving up a special "Game Day" burger. The toppings will change for each game, and the most recent burger included

three smashed beef patties with jalapeno mac & cheese and caramelized onion on a pretzel bun. Yum! Fans can also enter a raffle to win prizes like gift certificates and jerseys on game day.

The Little Lion

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thelittlelionphilly.com
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Carbonara at Gran Caffè L'Aquila



Jennifer Logue eats her way through Philly
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Usually when I'm on Chestnut Street near Liberty Place, I'm ei-

ther rushing to work or grabbing lunch to eat at my desk. Now I have another reason to be in this part of town: to be transported to Italy through the food and ambiance of Gran Caffè L'Aquila.

I wandered in recently and talked with Ricardo Longo, its culinary and wine director. He told me how this cafe is a rebirth of the original, which was in the Piazza Duomo of L'Aquila, capital of Italy's Abruzzo region, but was

destroyed in a 2009 earthquake.

"The entire restaurant was actually built in Italy and shipped over here in about 18 containers," he says. "The idea is that you're walking into a living, breathing Italy."

The Italian part of me felt right at home, and now it was time to eat. Longo recommended the carbonara, which isn't your typical carbonara—it's topped with a savory bacon



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the Eagles game

renovation of its bar and dining room, Nick's Bar and Grille even added a smoker this summer. With TVs in the bar and dining room, all NFL games will be broadcast on Thursdays, Sundays and Mondays. The restaurant also has some pretty sweet deals on libations — \$3 domestic pints and \$10 buckets of Rolling Rock, Miller Light, Miller High Life and Lager Light.

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JENNIFER LOGUE



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gelato.

The homemade spaghetti was tossed with egg, cracked black pepper and Pecorino Romano cheese — a sheep's milk cheese imported from Rome. In addition, there was a healthy amount of Guanciale in the dish — a type of bacon that comes from the cheek of the pig.

"It's the most beloved bacon of Rome," Longo says.

Sitting on top of the lovely pile of spaghetti was a dollop of savory bacon gelato.

"People eat it in different



The Carbonara at Gran Caffè L'Aquila comes topped with a savory bacon gelato. PROVIDED

ways. Some people will take a little bit of it, mix it into the pasta and eat it. Some people will let it melt in so it becomes like a sauce. It all depends on your preference," he added.

I decided to eat my Carbonara in all the ways, and my favorite was letting the gelato mix in with the rest of the pasta.

Final verdict? While the concept seems complicated, the end result is quite simple — creamy, savory and peppery. Pair it with a glass of Frascati and you are good to go.

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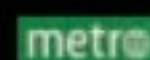
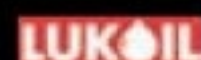
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In 2002, he moved back to Philadelphia to work under George Perrier. A few years later, he started a family as well as his next chapter as a restaurateur. Woolsey dishes on the most romantic place for dinner, and where to go for Korean fried chicken.

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Best place to dine alone?

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Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?

Zahav (237 St. James Pl.) is the obvious go-to just because nothing like that exists outside of Philadelphia. I've never had a dish there I didn't like, so

it is always best to let the kitchen decide what to give you.

Go-to date spot, hands-down?

If I'm looking to impress? Granted, I've been married 12 years, but I think Townsend (1623 E. Passyunk Ave.) is the classiest place for a romantic dinner.

Best place to catch up with friends?

Bistrot La Minette (623 S. 6th St.). It is awesome to be able to be such a baller and pick up the tab for everyone that I like hanging with at my own restaurant. Oeuf de pecheur and mustard braised rabbit are the dishes to get.

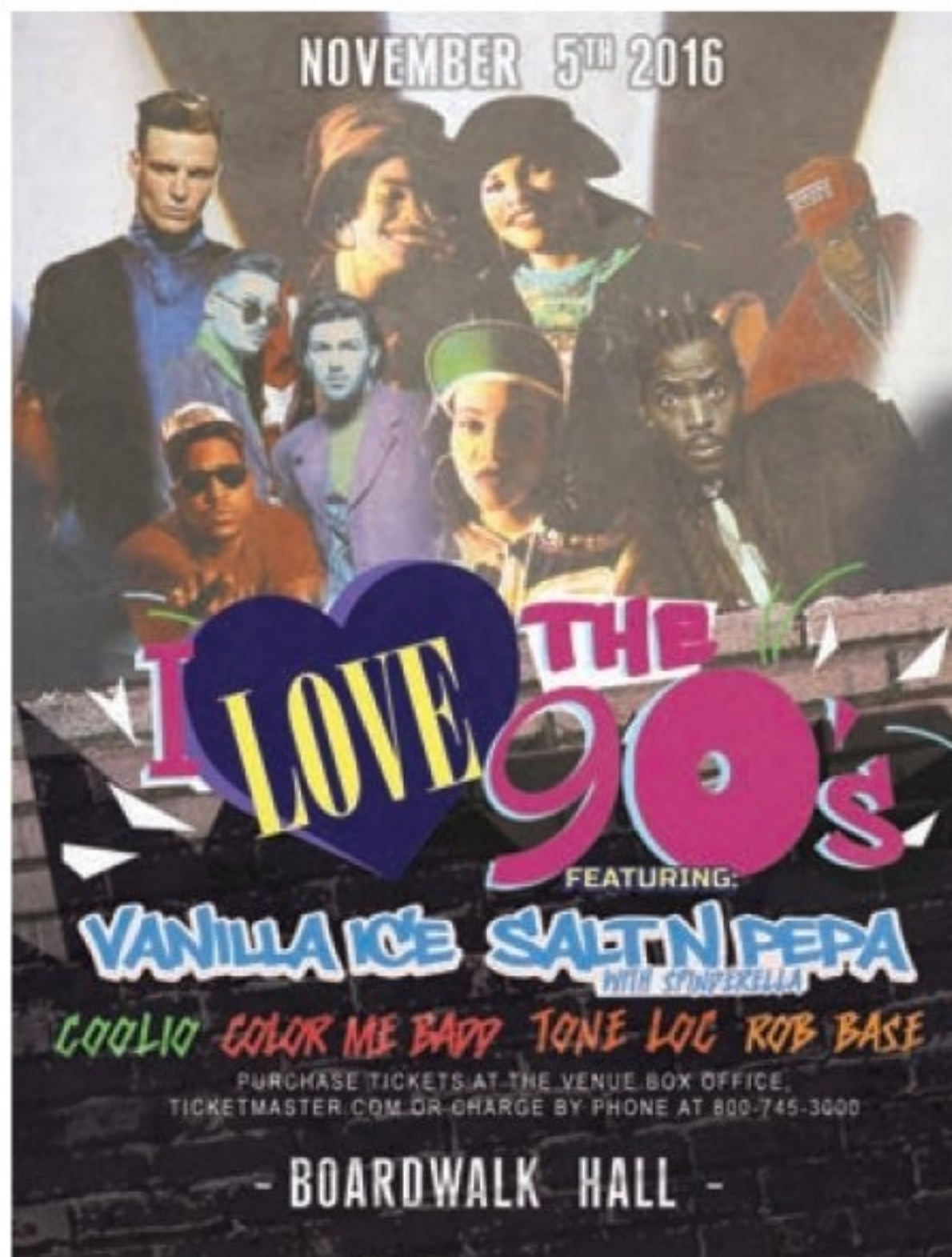
Most Instagram-mable restaurant?

I am not an Instagram user. But I would pick Aldine (1901 Chestnut St.) for its beautiful food. George [Sabatino] has such a deft hand with flavor and also has a great artistic sense when plating up. *JENNIFER LOGUE*

Best late night meal?

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Nearly as wide at the base as the Great Pyramid of Giza, Teotihuacan's neatly stepped Pyramid of the Sun rises from the plains northeast of present-day Mexico City. Formerly one of the largest capitals in the world, Teotihuacan is now shrouded in mystery. Archaeologists aren't even certain which

Mexico's most amazing ruins



This fresco in Bonampak was

The Pyramid of the Sun and the Avenue of the Dead in Teotihuacan. ALL PHOTOS DEAGOSTINI, GETTY IMAGES

people occupied this 2,000-year-old city, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll down the temple-lined Avenue of the Dead to the Pyramid of the Moon, the best vantage point for taking in the entire city.

A quartet of stout stone warriors stand guard atop the five-tiered Pyramid of Quetzalcoatl, the

breathtaking centerpiece of the ancient city of Tula. The Toltec capital, which reached its height around a millennium ago, includes the Burnt Temple, a regal setting lined with dozens of pillars.

Unearthed in 1978 by workers repairing power lines, the 14th-century Templo Mayor sits just off the main square in

Mexico City. One of the main temples in the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, it was where captives from rival peoples — as many as 10,000 at a time — were sacrificed to the bloodthirsty god of war. Seven rows of leering stone skulls greeted them as they met their fate.

Once home to the "Cloud People," the mountaintop temple complex of Monte Alban does seem close to the sky. At this spectacular archaeological site, you'll find dozens of intriguing carvings of "Danzantes," or "Dancers." Although their undulating outlines suggest movement, the figures are now thought to depict bound prisoners.

The mesmerizing abstract patterns carved into the stonework at Mitla are found nowhere else in Mexico. The other distinguishing characteristic is the vivid red pigment still adorning many of the

temple walls. Occupied by the Mixtec people until the 16th century, when it was largely demolished by the Spanish, this religious center was considered a gateway to the world of the dead. An hour's drive from Oaxaca, Mitla is well worth the trip.

Although most Mayan ruins are now unadorned stone, the ancient city of Bonampak in modern-day Chiapas is a peek at a world in Technicolor. Atop a small pyramid you'll find one of the most eye-popping examples of Mayan painting: the Temple of the Murals, where three rooms depict a glorious battle scene. The frescoes, painted in 790, are still-vivid shades of red, gold and a luminous blue-green.

Reachable by boat, this riverfront temple complex sits on the banks of the Rio Usumacinta

in Chiapas, across from Guatemala. Shaded by century-old ceiba trees, Yaxchilan is known for its elaborate stonework; look for delicately carved lintels above doorways and filigree patterns decorating the roofs. This was a Mayan stronghold, dominating smaller cities like nearby Bonampak with its military might.

If you have trouble imagining what life was like in Mayan times, head to Palenque. Startlingly intact, it feels more like a city than any other archaeological site in Mexico. You'd need weeks to fully explore everything, from the palace with 30-foot-tall pillars to the royal tomb where you'll discover a queen's sarcophagus. Don't miss the Temple of the Inscriptions, where the nine tiers correspond to the nine lords of the underworld.

Thousands of travelers descend on Chichen Itza in Yucatan every day, and with good reason: The perfectly restored pyramid known as "El Castillo," or "The Castle," is one of Mexico's most unforgettable sights. Don't stop there, though, because Chichen Itza was one of the largest Mayan cities and is well worth a few days of exploration. If time is short, head to the "Templo de los Guerreros" (Temple of the Warriors), with its acrobatic sculpture of a reclining figure, or "El Caracol" (The Snail), one of the few round buildings built by the Mayans.

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Wentz, Roethlisberger were friends before they were foes

The Steelers quarterback said he was surprised his conference rival Browns didn't draft Wentz.



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Carson Wentz and Ben Roethlisberger have a lot in common.

They're both pretty big guys — 6-foot-5 apiece, though Roethlisberger probably has a few pounds on Wentz. They both play quarterback in football-crazy cities in Pennsylvania, but were thrown into the fire to start their NFL careers and both play with seeming reckless abandon.

They share the same agency, and prior to April's NFL draft they shared a meal.

The Steelers signal-caller says he was a little shocked when he learned of the trade that moved the Eagles into the No. 2 spot in place of the Browns.

"I was really surprised," Roethlisberger told the media this week. "I thought I was going to be facing him two times [per year] versus Cleveland."

Ironically the Browns also passed up the chance to take Roethlisberger in 2004 — a quarterback with both an injury history and two Super Bowl rings. Eagles coach Doug Pederson, when the Birds first drafted Wentz, immediately said he hoped he would resemble the Pittsburgh star.



Carson Wentz has a long way to go in becoming the next Ben Roethlisberger — but he's off to a good start. GETTY IMAGES

"Obviously the size, the arm strength," Pederson said Wednesday when asked about the two quarterback's similarities. "Carson's probably a little bit better of an athlete. Moving around a little bit. And then the fact that they had great defenses around Ben and a running game and special teams and you can utilize all three of those and help your young quarterbacks that way. You've seen it time and time again with teams that have that formula. [Those teams] can be successful early with a young quarterback."

Can the Eagles suc-

"Everybody rallies around him. Obviously, [he's] a big leader. As you know, he's a tough guy to get to because of that."

Doug Pederson, on Big Ben

ceed where other teams have not, slowing down Roethlisberger and his right hand man Antonio Brown while keeping the Wentz Wagon pushing forward?

"He's so smart and it's fun to watch him, really, and how he manages that offense and how he kind of commands that team," Pederson said. "Every-

body rallies around him. Obviously, [he's] a big leader. As you know, he's a tough guy to get to because of that."

Wentz was confronted with the comparison and not surprisingly maintained his humble disposition, saying it was "impressive," but that he had "a lot of work to do" to be in the conversation with

Roethlisberger. He also said he has really enjoyed watching the Steelers quarterback play.

Perhaps he can take a page from his Week 3 opponent's book. Roethlisberger's quick release and mobility have helped him keep from being knocked around too much and it's a skill Eagles fans hope Wentz can learn. But convincing a quarterback to stop sacrificing his body and looking ahead long term is difficult, Pederson said.

"I think it's hard to rewire him," the coach started, entertaining a question about what it would take to limit the hits Wen-

tz takes. "I think you just need to constantly keep talking with him and going back and showing him those plays on tape to just make him aware and conscious of, 'Hey, again, as I mentioned before, I don't need the extra yard here. It's okay to throw the ball away. It's okay to step out of bounds or slide.' Just keeping showing him over and over and over again, because not only for his longevity, but obviously for the team, as well. You want to make sure that your quarterback, especially your starting quarterback, is the guy that's protecting himself the most."

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Phillies have chance to spoil Mets season

The Mets are in the midst of a tight race for the NL Wild Card, hanging on in a fight against the Giants and Cardinals for one of two spots in the postseason.

There is little Phillies fans enjoy more than seeing their I-95 rivals sputter and collapse, and the Phillies have the opportunity to provide Mets fans misery over the final two weeks of the season.

Philly kicks off a series of three

games up at CitiField Thursday night against the Mets, with nothing to play for but the spoil.

In Game 1 Thursday, two hot pitchers head to the hill when Adam Morgan is opposed by New York's Seth Lugo, a hurler who is 4-1 record and 2.21 ERA since becoming a starter. Morgan has been good of late as well, allowing just five runs in his last 23 innings.

After Jeremy Hellickson starts in Game 2, the second of three 7:10 p.m. starts on CSN, recent call-



Mets hurler Seth Lugo. GETTY IMAGES

up Alec Asher will go up against juggernaut Noah Syndergaard Saturday.

The finale will see Phils prospect Jake Thompson opposite Robert Gsellman in a 1:10 first pitch.

Following three games in Atlanta midweek next week the Mets return to Philadelphia for the final three games of the season. And if things fall the right way, the Phils could be ultimate spoilers on the first weekend in October. Stay strong Mets fans.



Zach Ertz probably won't be suiting up Sunday against Pittsburgh. GETTY IMAGES

Injury news: The latest on Mathews, Ertz and others

The Eagles have some good and some bad news.



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Like every other team in the NFL, the Eagles are fighting the injury bug. Several players key to winning in Week 3 against the Steelers are on the mend. Here's a quick look at how they stand:

TE Zach Ertz: Ertz didn't practice Wednesday and there was no real update on his high rib injury with regard to Week 3. He'll likely give way once again to Trey Burton — who will join Brent Celek at tight end against Pittsburgh.

LB Mychal Kendricks: There's a chance the Eagles outside linebacker plays Sunday but he still has some healing left to do.

"We're going to hold Mychal out of today's practice," Doug Pederson said Wednesday, "obviously with the nose fracture and the quad contusion there."

CB Leodis McKelvin: The Eagles are likely to go another week with Jalen Mills and Ron Brooks joining Nolan Carroll III in trying to defend Antonio Brown and Co. There is a chance McKelvin's

hamstring allows him to improve, but not practicing on a Wednesday is a bad sign.

G Isaac Seumalo: The Eagles' rookie guard has a pectoral injury that kept him out of practice Wednesday and will likely keep him sidelined in Week 3, but that's not the major concern. The biggest issue is if Seumalo will be ready to go when and if Lane Johnson begins serving his suspension. Pederson says a lack of practice reps will not effect his readiness to play if he is called upon when healthy.

"He's one of those kids; very sharp kid, studious kid. [It] wouldn't set him back at all."

QB Carson Wentz: Wentz was beat up a bit against the Bears but none worse for the wear. Pederson said: "Carson came out good. A little sore today, but they [the players] are all sore. We're only two days removed from the game. So, [it's] just normal game wear and tear."

RB Ryan Mathews: Some feared the Eagles starting running back would have ankle injuries after the Birds' win at the Bears but he was also doing well according to the coach.

"He's fine," Pederson said. "[He's] just getting treatment on it. But he came out of the game good. He's good to go."

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Ben Simmons can learn from Carson Wentz's preparation

The two Philly rookies will be eternally bonded. Can they both succeed?

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Much like Carson Wentz, Sixers rookie Ben Simmons will have every pass, every shot, every move scrutinized.

Wentz has done a fabulous job as a rookie quarterback for the Eagles in their surprising 2-0 start.

Preparation has been a key component. Simmons can learn from Wentz's beginning in the NFL.

Simmons, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 NBA Draft from LSU, will join an extremely young Sixers team with plenty of potential. The last No. 1 overall pick for the Sixers was none other than Allen Iverson, who was just inducted into the Hall of Fame.

No pressure, huh?

"I think — and I don't throw this sentence out lightly — I think he truly wants to be great," Sixers head coach Brett Brown said of Simmons last week during his annual meet-



Ben Simmons played well during summer league, but his NBA regular-season debut brings with it much more pressure and high expectations. GETTY IMAGES

ing with reporters. "Like, I really think he really wants to be great. Well, what does that mean? Because that's a hell of a sentence. We've had this conversation and I believe that he does. Where he ends up, who he is, what position he plays, I think it's going to be fluid, and

we're going to learn a lot after his first year, obviously, in the NBA."

The Sixers aren't expected to win a championship this season. They aren't even expected to compete in the playoffs. Without postseason aspirations, it should ease some of the burden on

the 6-foot-10 Simmons, who played just one season at LSU.

"His evolution is going to be rapid," Brown told reporters. "I think that the expectations that he feels, where eyes are on him, he has a high level of reality. He gets it, I think, both on the court

and off the court."

Having a successful rookie season is tough enough. Morphing into the type of player who can lift an entire franchise — like Iverson — is a completely different story.

For now, Simmons will be put in a position

to help push the franchise to the next level. It shouldn't be too difficult considering the Sixers have won 47 games over the past three seasons and only 10 last season.

"There is responsibility to carry himself in a way that the franchise and the city would want, one with a bit of class, a bit of grace," Brown said. "The flip side is, where in life can you trip on an opportunity where you can come into a city and immediately have people look at you like you're going to be one of the pieces that can move this program forward in a big way and potentially be with us for a long time? He sees it that way."

Simmons played in six total summer league games and displayed flashes of his overall ability. The statistics (10.8 points, 7.7 rebounds, 5.5 assists) are rather meaningless since it's not a true indication of what the regular season will bring.

But the skills were evident. There's so much to be excited about. Preparation will be key. And it starts now.

Look at Wentz.

Preparation pays off.

Union all but assured a playoff berth despite horrid play on road

This weekend, the Union (11-11-8) will find out what they're truly made of as a team. At fourth place in the Eastern Conference, the Union face first-place Toronto FC (13-8-8) on the road on Saturday. The team has all but locked up a playoff spot, but Saturday will show them if they're truly contenders when the playoffs get underway next month.

With just four matches remaining in the regular season, seven points separate the fourth-place Union (41 points) and seventh-place D.C. United (34 points). Theoretically, the only way in which

the Union could miss out on the playoffs is if they lost the last four games of the season while United won out. United hasn't had back-to-back wins all season, so a four-game winning streak is highly unlikely.

"It's tough on the road in this league," Union manager Jim Curtin said, after a 2-1 loss to the Portland Timbers this past weekend. "I think the data shows it's the toughest league in the world actually, percentage-wise, to win on the road. It's difficult. So, we have a tough task ahead of us, Toronto and New York, two teams in the

East that we're close with. We need to take advantage. Any point goes a long way at this point of the year, whether it's a tie or a win."

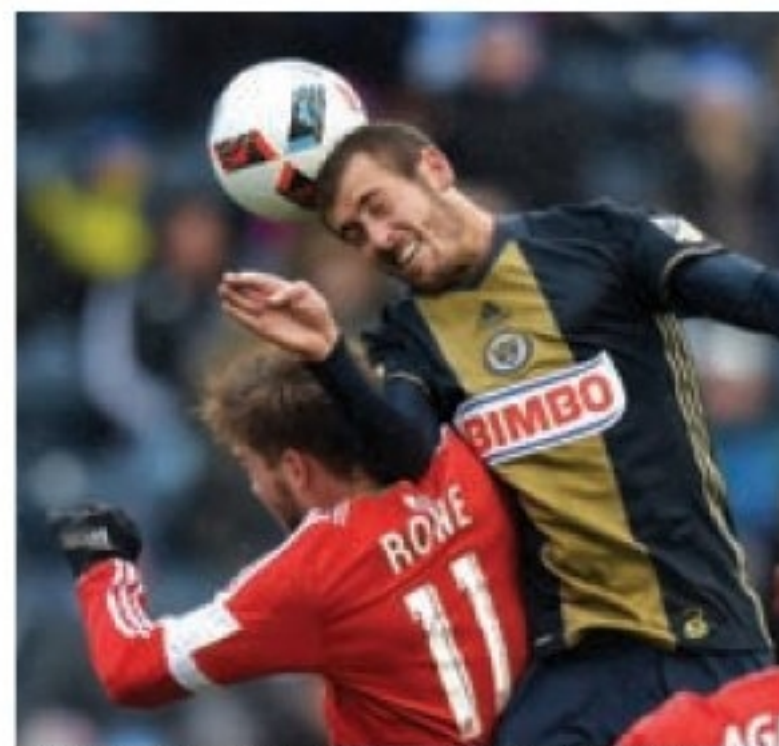
The Union have faced Toronto FC once this season, in a 3-1 loss at home back on Aug. 20 in star midfielder Alejandro Bedoya's debut. Now firmly entrenched in the Union offense, the team is counting on Bedoya to provide an offensive spark on Saturday.

"We've asked Bedoya to play with a couple of different teammates, and he's adjusted well," Union forward Chris Pontius said. "He's busy in the

middle finding the ball and make things happen for us. He's been good for us. We've just, like I said, we've given up untimely goals the past few weeks."

After an eight-match unbeaten streak earlier in the season which propelled them to the top of the standings, a three-match losing streak is not what the Union had in mind as a team during the final stretch of the season. If they're not careful, they could end up with an unfriendly playoff seeding by the end of the year, played away from Talen Energy Stadium.

"We have a lot of games still to be played,"



The Union have just four regular season games left this year. GETTY IMAGES

Curtin said. "Four games, we still have two at home, as well, to end the season. But we want to go into those last two games having already clinched a playoff spot and that's

the goal of these next two games."

The Union's match against Toronto FC will air at 5 p.m. on the Comcast Network.

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GRAB PITTA, ENUNWA, BUT MOVE ON FROM LANGFORD

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OPINION

Bill Dubiel is a fantasy football expert for Rotoballer.com.



With two weeks in the books, we can start drawing some conclusions about players' roles moving forward.

Dennis Pitta benefiting from chemistry with Flacco

After a relatively quiet Week 1, Dennis Pitta emerged as Joe Flacco's go-to option in the passing game in the Ravens Week 2 victory over the Browns. Pitta racked up nine catches and 102 receiving yards on a whopping 12 targets. Flacco and Pitta have a solid professional and personal relationship, and that chemistry is finally translating to on-field production now that Pitta is 100 percent healthy. The veteran tight end might already be the most reliable fantasy option in that offense, particularly in PPR formats.

Enunwa continues to rack up targets
Quincy Enunwa has been quietly productive as the third option in a successful Jets passing attack, as he's already tallied 14 targets through two weeks of action. He's still behind Brandon Marshall and Eric Decker in the pecking order, but with both Marshall and Decker currently dealing with minor injuries, the 24-year-old could lead the team in targets in Week 3. If he can continue to be

NFL sleepers of the week

Each week we will identify three players worth taking a shot on in deeper leagues.

Kenyan Drake, RB, Miami Dolphins – Drake figures to see an expanded role in Week 3 with Arian Foster dealing with a hamstring injury. He's a top flier in PPR formats.

productive with the targets he's seeing, the big-bodied receiver could develop every-week flex value.

Langford losing grip on starting job
Bears sophomore running back Jeremy Langford has had an uninspiring start to the season, averaging a meager 3.04 yards per carry through the first two games. He has notched a touch-

down in each game, but each have been from very short yardage. Langford actually trailed Ka'Deem Carey in snaps in the first quarter of Monday's game against the Eagles before Carey left with a hamstring injury, indicating he has already lost the confidence of the coaching staff. The situation needs to be monitored closely, as Langford may lose the starting job as soon as this week.

Phillip Dorsett, WR, Indianapolis Colts – Dorsett could be in line to see more targets in Week 3 with Donte Moncrief ailing. He'll have a role regardless as the Colts run a ton of three-wide receiver sets.

Jacob Tamme, TE, Atlanta Falcons – Has 11 catches for 126 yards and a touchdown through two weeks. He could be the second option in the passing game behind Julio Jones.



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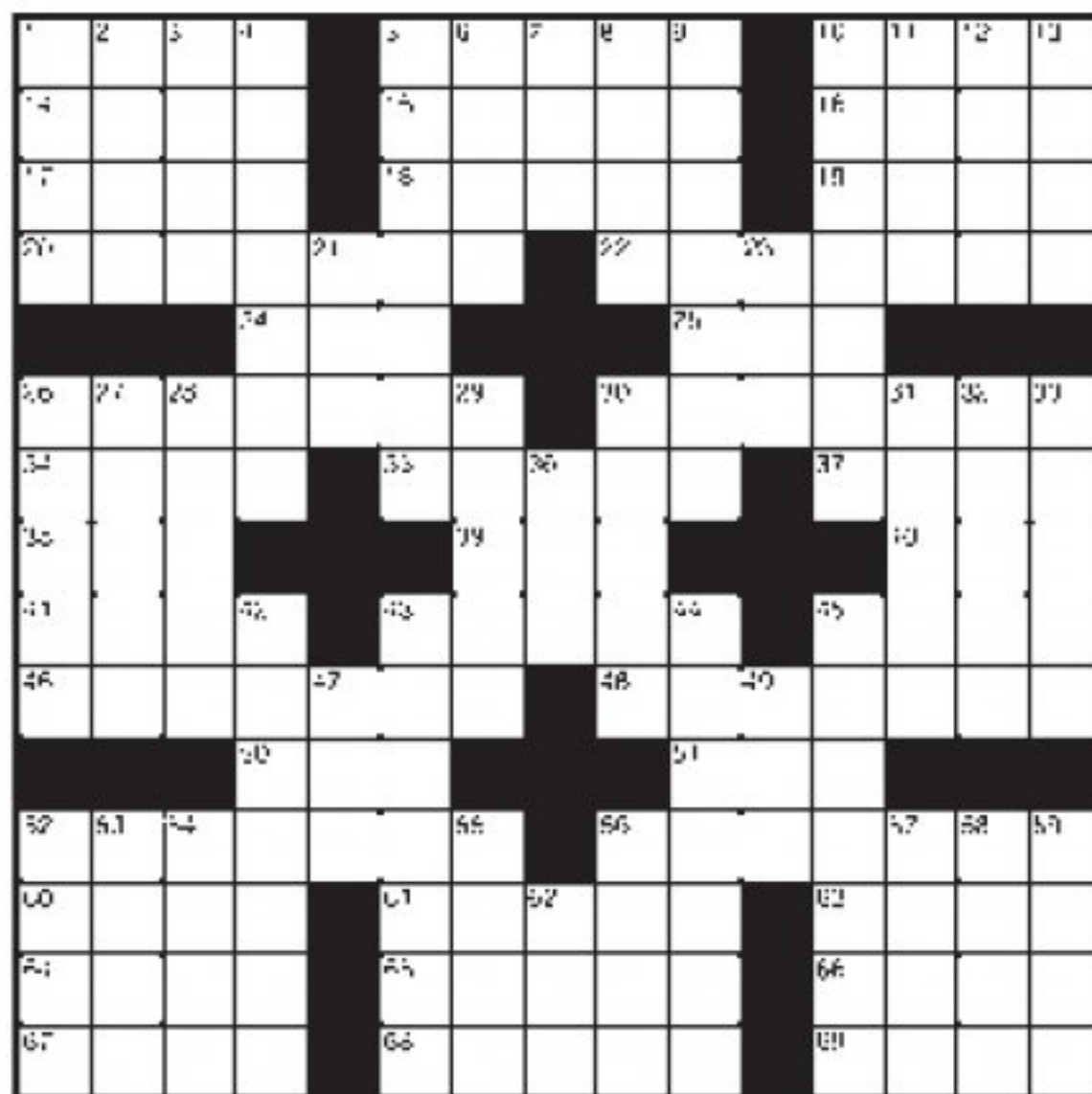
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